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INSURGENT ACTIVITY
UNNUMBERED ROAD
LAOS/CAMBODIA BORDER AREA

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS X-7926 AA, X-7979)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS INSURGENT ACTIVITY ALONG A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED UNNUMBERED ROAD IN SOUTHERN LAOS NEAR THE CAMBODIA BORDER.

2. COLLATERAL:

INFORMATION OF NOVEMBER 1965 OBTAINED FROM A HIGH-RANKING PATHET LAO DEFECTOR REPORTED AN AMMUNITION DEPOT THIRTY KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF MUONG NAY AT UTM X37716. THE DEFECTOR REPORTED THREE BUILDINGS IN THE DEPOT WHICH CONTAINED TWO 105MM HOWITZERS, 105MM AMMUNITION, SMALL ARMS, SMALL MACHINE GUNS, BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLES, MORTARS, AND RECOILLESS RIFLES. THE HOWITZERS REPORTEDLY CAME FROM CAMBODIA BY BOAT. A LATER DEFECTOR REPORT INDICATED THAT THE AMMUNITION DEPOT CONTAINED FOUR BUILDINGS, ONE BUILDING BEING NEW.

3. LOCATION:

THE INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED ALONG A RECENTLY

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COMPLETED UNNUMBERED ROAD WHICH IS NOW MOTORABLE FROM CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 NORTH AND EAST TO THE UNNUMBERED ROAD THAT EXTENDS NORTH TO CHAVANE. VEHICLE TRACKS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THIS ROAD.

4. MISSION READOUT:

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[redacted] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND FACILITIES ON THE NEW UNNUMBERED LAOS/CAMBODIA ROAD: 25X1

A. A SUSPECT AMMUNITION DEPOT IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE NEW ROAD AT 1436N 10638E (UTM XB769158). THIS AREA CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS.

B. ONE BUILDING, SIX AW POSITIONS, THREE FOXHOLES, AND ROW CROPS ARE LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN BANK OF THE SE KONG (RIVER), 1.1 NM NORTHEAST OF THE LAOS/CAMBODIA BORDER AT 1436N 10633E (UTM XB683155). SIX AW POSITIONS AND SIX FOXHOLES ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AT UTM XB679148 (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

C. A SINGLE-LANE, WOODEN, DECK-TYPE BRIDGE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FEET LONG, WITH A LONG BUILT-UP APPROACH AT THE NORTHERN END, IS BEING CONSTRUCTED

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OVER A DRY STREAM BED AT 1443N 1070E (UTM YB1072?9).
THIS BRIDGE IS IMMEDIATELY WEST OF AND PARALLEL TO
THE PRESENT ROAD ALIGNMENT.

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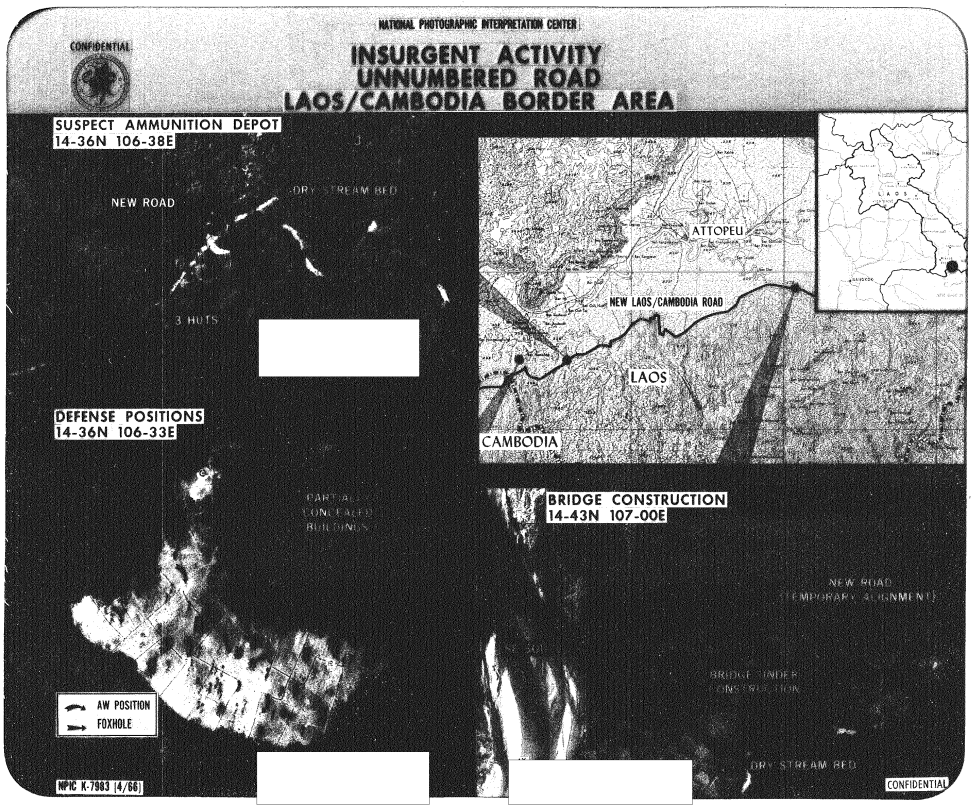


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